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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: 3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ17-000294

Topic: Autism Advisor Program

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Evaluation of the Autism Advisor program – has one been done, and what consultation has occurred with families with regard to what happens when the program finishes?

Answer:

An evaluation of the Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) program, which includes the Autism Advisor program, was finalised and published in 2012. A copy of the evaluation is available on the Department of Social Services website at www.dss.gov.au/search/search/HCWA%20evaluation.

Families whose children accessed the HCWA early intervention funding have been advised that funding for the HCWA program is transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), and have been provided with information about how their children will transition and where they can direct any queries they may have.